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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAD RIVER BRIDGES TRAFFIC UPDATE REMINDER: NEW DETOURS START TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2!

Eureka – Caltrans reminds the public that beginning Tuesday, November 2, after 6:00 PM, all traffic at Mad River Bridges on Route 101 near McKinleyville will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Motorists may experience minor traffic slowdowns.

Southbound Route 101 through traffic will be rerouted to the new bridge. Northbound traffic will be split. Through traffic will be rerouted over the new bridge. Northbound traffic exiting at Central Avenue will continue to use the old northbound bridge.

Also beginning Tuesday, November 2, after 6:00 PM, the Central Avenue northbound Route 101 onramp from McKinleyville will be closed.

In addition, all bicyclists please note that there is a mandatory bicycle detour around the project due to construction activities and reduced shoulder widths. Bicyclists are advised to follow detour signs and use the Hammond Trail as directed.

These detours are anticipated to be in place through Fall 2011 and are necessary to allow removal of the old southbound bridge. Once the old southbound bridge has been removed, crews will begin building the new northbound bridge. This project is anticipated to be complete by winter 2012.

All work is weather permitting and subject to change.

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